This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) [A] An apparatus comprising:

a first assembly having a fastening aperture; and

a Z-shaped ~~type~~ fastener comprising:

a base extension tab;

an extension block that extends in a lateral direction opposite that of the base extension tab, wherein said extension block includes a bore with internal threads, that extends through the block in the lateral direction and configured to accept an elongated part of a securing bolt; and

a fastening aperture engaging portion facing in the direction in which the extension block extends,

wherein when said Z-shaped ~~type~~ fastener is engaged with a first assembly element by inserting said Z-shaped ~~type~~ fastener into and through a fastening aperture of the first assembly element, the base extension tab is configured to contact an interior wall of the first assembly element, whereas the extension block is configured to contact an exterior wall of the first assembly element, and the fastening aperture engaging portion is configured to contact the first assembly element in the side plane of a fastening aperture.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~fastener~~ apparatus of claim 1, wherein the base extension tab is configured with a contour complementary to the interior contour of said first assembly element.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~fastener~~ apparatus of claim 1, wherein the extension block is configured with a contour complementary to the exterior contour of said first assembly element.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~fastener~~ apparatus of claim 1, wherein the elements of the fastener are formed as a single element.

5-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~fastener~~ apparatus of claim 1, wherein the base extension tab and the extension block are configured to apply structural support to the interior and the exterior wall respectively, on opposing sides of the fastening aperture in the first assembly element to fully secure said Z-shaped fastener to the first assembly element.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) The ~~fastener~~ apparatus in claim 7, wherein the fastening aperture engaging portion is configured to apply structural support in the side plane of

said fastening aperture ~~the wall~~ of the first assembly element on an opposing lateral side of the assembly wall of the first element as the base extension tab.

10-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) A housing end cover fastening assembly comprising:

a housing end cover;

a housing;

a securing body; and

a plurality of Z-shaped ~~type~~ fasteners each comprising a base extension tab having an interior pressure application surface, a fastening aperture pressure application side plane, and an extension body having an exterior pressure application surface, wherein the extension body extends in a lateral direction opposite that of the base extension tab, the fastening aperture pressure application side plane faces in the direction in which the extension body extends, and the extension body having a bore with internal threads and that extends through the extension body in the lateral direction is configured to accept [a] the securing body that extends through the housing end cover securing the housing end cover to the housing, wherein the housing is a cylindrical tube which is structurally closed in the circumference and configured with at least a pair of fastening apertures situated at an end of the cylindrical tube.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The housing end cover fastening assembly of claim 12, wherein the housing end cover is perpendicularly secured to the housing at [the] a housing end by the securing body engaging with the fastener.

15. (Currently Amended) The housing end cover fastening assembly of claim 14, wherein the fastener is received through [the] a fastening aperture in the housing and maintains a plurality of contact areas with the housing to fully secure said fastener to the housing.

16-20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) The ~~fastener~~ apparatus in claim 1, wherein the Z-shaped ~~type~~ fastener has a side profile shape consisting essentially of a Z-shape.

22. (Currently Amended) The ~~fastener~~ apparatus in claim 7, wherein the base extension tab and the extension block are configured to apply seal to the fastening aperture at the first assembly element.

23. (Currently Amended) The ~~fastener~~ apparatus in claim 1, wherein the first assembly ~~is a component of a motor assembly~~ comprises a motor housing.

24. (Currently Amended) The ~~fastener~~ housing cover fastening assembly in claim 12, wherein the housing end cover and the housing are components of a motor assembly.

25. (Currently Amended) The ~~fastener~~ housing cover fastening assembly in claim 12, wherein ~~the~~ at least one of said plurality of Z-shaped ~~type~~ fasteners is arranged at a distance away from the housing end cover, when the housing end cover is secured to the housing through the securing body and said Z-shaped fastener.

26. (New) A fastener comprising:

a unitary body including:

a base extension tab having an interior pressure application surface,

a fastening aperture pressure application side plane, and

an extension body that extends in a lateral direction opposite that of the base extension tab, the extension body having an exterior pressure application surface and a bore with internal threads, the bore extending through the extension body in the lateral direction and configured to receive a securing bolt,

the fastener's unitary body delimited by a Z-shaped cross-section.

27. (New) The apparatus in claim 1, wherein the Z-shaped fastener is delimited by a Z-shaped cross-section.

28. (New) The housing end cover fastening assembly in claim 12, wherein the Z-shaped fastener is delimited by a Z-shaped cross-section.

29. (New) The housing end cover fastening assembly in claim 12, wherein the housing cover and housing are a motor housing cover and motor housing, respectively.